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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 18-69 will be pending in this application. Applicant has amended Claims 41 and 42. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to either (I) Claims 1-17 or (II) 18-69. In response thereto, Applicant elects the Invention of Group II (Claims 18-69).

TRAVERSAL OF REJECTION OF CLAIMS 18-69

Claims 18-69 stand rejected as being anticipated by the publication iDNS-Internationalized Domain Name System, published by the Center for Internet Research, January 1998 ("_CIR_"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

According to CIR, a <u>user enters</u> a foreign language domain name, <u>including the suffix ".idns.apng.org"</u>, as a URL in a web browser. (Page 2, para. 1) The user enters this suffix manually in order to point the request to the iDNS proxy server to properly resolve the request. This is explained on page 3 under the "Notes" section that states:

> The appending of "**idns.apng.org**" to the multilingual domain name is <u>necessary</u> at this stage in order that name resolution can take place with any current DNS server. You can only discard the "**idns.apng.org**" if you point your DNS resolver to our iDNS proxy server for name resolution, or use a http proxy server that doesn't discards 8bit bytes in domain names. [underlining added]

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Thus, CIR teaches that the user must manually enter a predetermined suffix in order to resolve the foreign language domain name request.

Unlike CIR, Claim 18 is directed to a method for producing a domain name, wherein the domain name includes only symbols from a set of allowed symbols. The method includes the steps of obtaining a second domain name, wherein the second domain name includes at least one symbol that is not included in the set of allowed symbols and converting the second domain name into a format that includes only symbols from the set of allowed symbols. The method of Claim 18 includes the step of "(c) automatically appending a redirector string to the converted second domain name to produce the domain name, wherein the redirector string includes information for resolving the domain name." (emphasis added) CIR teaches that the user must manually enter the suffix and thus fails to teach or suggest such a step. Applicant therefore submits that Claim 18 is patentable over CIR and the other art of record.

Claims 19-28, which depend from Claim 18, are also patentable for the same reasons as Claim 18, and because they necessarily include additional limitations.
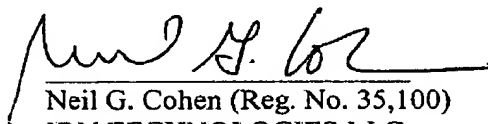
Each of the remaining independent claims 29, 40, 43, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62, and 66 includes a recitation that is substantially similar to step (c) of Claim 18. Applicant, therefore, submits that these independent claims (as well as the claims depending therefrom) are patentable for the same reason as Claim 18.

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For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are patentable over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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